

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 555
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Clay Mills (Buck)
Johnson upon being awarded first place in the
Golf Writers Association of America Newspaper
Columns Category.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body honor those people who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their respective careers; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding person is Buck Johnson, who took first place in the newspaper columns category at the annual dinner of the Golf Writers Association; and

WHEREAS, Buck taught for 30 exemplary years in Hamilton County Schools; after retiring from teaching in 1979, he started part-time work as a sports writer for the Chattanooga Times; and

WHEREAS he has received a National Award for his pollution series in the Times, the National Amateur Athletic Union's Media Man of the Year Award and five National Awards for softball feature writing; and

WHEREAS, Buck received his B.S. from the University of Chattanooga and he attended graduate school at the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Buck is a devout member of Soddy Methodist Church, where he is a Sunday School Teacher and a licensed lay speaker; and

WHEREAS, Buck is most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his wife, Eula, his daughter, Cynthia and his granddaughter, Jessica; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work with the newspaper, Buck still finds time to lend his incredible talents to many other noteworthy causes such as the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame, Board of Directors of the Chattanooga Sports Hall of Fame and the first Recreation Committee for the City of Soddy-Daisy; and

WHEREAS, Buck Johnson exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to honor and commend Buck Johnson for his dedication to the state of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Buck Johnson upon being awarded first place in the Golf Writers Association of American Newspaper Columns category and wish him every continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.